



Red Salute Comrade Shibdas Ghosh

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CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S HOMAGE

[COMRADE SHIBDAS GHOSH, the leader, teacher, guide and the General Secretary of our Party, the SOCIALIST UNITY CENTRE OF INDIA breathed his last of acute Myocardial Infarction (severe and massive heart attack) at 7-30 P.M. on Thursday the 5th August, 1976 at the Party's Central Commune in Calcutta at the age of 55.

Immediately after HIS sudden and premature demise the Central Committee took the following resolution paying homage in memory of the great departed leader.]

The Central Committee of our Party expresses its profound and deepest grief at the sudden and premature demise of **COMRADE SHIBDAS GHOSH** our beloved leader, teacher, guide and the General Secretary of our Party, the **SOCIALIST UNITY CENTRE OF INDIA**. He was one of the outstanding Marxist thinkers of the present era. It was **COMRADE SHIBDAS GHOSH** who concretised Marxism-Leninism on Indian soil, developed, elaborated and enriched many aspects of it and also brought many other aspects to a new height at this particular stage of the present era of 'Imperialism and Proletarian Revolution' enunciated by Lenin. HE also provided a newer and concrete understanding of Marxism-Leninism in course of dealing with the problems that appeared not only in the political and socio-economic fields, but also covering all aspects of life and epistemology—science and philosophy, ethics, morality, culture, art-literature and aesthetics in the post-Lenin period. So, it is incumbent on all to make a serious cult of the thoughts of **COMRADE SHIBDAS GHOSH** without which the understanding of Marxism-Leninism at this stage of the present era cannot be adequate.

Realising the need of Indian revolution marked by the absence of any genuine working class party, **COMRADE SHIBDAS GHOSH** took upon HIMSELF the historic task of building a revolutionary party of the proletariat with which the question of emancipation of the people from all sorts of exploitation and oppression was inseparably linked up. In the process of building up of the Party **COMRADE GHOSH** historically emerged as the great leader of the toiling millions. In this struggle for building up a genuine revolutionary Party of the proletariat in our country, **COMRADE SHIBDAS GHOSH** developed to a new height the Leninist concept of Marxist Party and pointed out that only after achieving ideological centralism by conducting intense ideological struggle covering all aspects of life, organisational centralism can be achieved and only then the Party can develop as an organic whole. In HIM was personified and concretised the collective leadership of our Party.

HIS contributions to the ideological fields of international communist movement made HIM a Communist Leader of unique distinction. HE was the first to point out that modern revisionism-reformism was the main danger in the present day international communist movement and showed the correct line of struggle against it. HIS contri-

bution in the fight against all sorts of illusions being created by different schools of bourgeois philosophy and its modern trends will act as indispensable and valuable guide not only to the revolutionary movement of our country but to the international communist movement as well.

HIS ceaseless fight against economism, opportunism and diverse varieties of social democratism that have permeated through and through the working class movement, gave a correct and new direction to the working class struggles of our country. HIS clarion call to the toiling millions of our country was to always adhere to the correct base political line of the proletariat and to build up the political power of the people without which the cherished goal of their emancipation can never be achieved.

HE consistently upheld the nobility of communist ideology and taught us that the living soul of any great ideal lies in the higher standard of morals, ethics and culture. HE taught us to practise and develop the working class revolutionary politics on the basis of communist ethics and morality. It was also HIS teaching not to fear any difficulty but to face all adversaries with revolutionary zeal and determination and thus be able to turn disadvantage into advantage.

The Central Committee firmly believes that the correct and scientific analysis made by HIM on each and every national and international question shall surely act as invaluable guide to the proletariat in the struggle for emancipation for decades to come. The Central Committee is also of firm opinion that many of HIS contributions in the field of epistemology are definite new additions to the treasury of Marxism-Leninism.

The Central Committee is convinced that following the great example of HIS unique revolutionary character who completely identified HIMSELF with the class, Party and revolution—all leaders, workers, supporters and sympathisers will dedicate themselves more and more to the cause of revolution and increasingly identify with the Party founded by our great leader, teacher and guide **COMRADE SHIBDAS GHOSH**. At this hour of great loss we must turn our grief, as taught by HIM, into firm determination, courage and revolutionary purposiveness. We take vow to stand as 'One Man' and strive hard to fill the void created. HE is and shall ever remain very much with us through HIS teachings. HIS name and teachings will endure as the living source of inspiration and beacon light to legions of revolutionaries who will fulfil the behest **COMRADE SHIBDAS GHOSH** has left to us. Let all of us, thousands of disciples and admirers of **COMRADE GHOSH** hold aloft the banner of revolution and proletarian internationalism by every drop of our blood.

With deep respect to our great departed leader, teacher and guide **COMRADE SHIBDAS GHOSH** the Central Committee dips the Red Flag in salute.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE
SOCIALIST UNITY CENTRE OF INDIA



HOW THE END CAME

5th of August 1976 will be marked in the history of the revolutionary working class struggle not only of our country but of the entire world as well as a day of profound loss and grief. One of the finest of revolutionary brains—the brain of a giant Marxist philosopher and thinker of the age that was guiding so long to build, brick by brick, braving all odds and amidst mountain-high obstacles set in the path, by reactionaries of all hue and all varieties of reformism-revisionism social-democratism, the solid edifice of a genuine revolutionary working class party on our soil, the Socialist Unity Centre of India, ceased to operate.

The great genius that in this very process of building up a revolutionary party, while so long, was zealously guarding and defending the revolutionary Kernel of Marxism, in the post-Lenin period, against all sorts of onslaughts from revisionism-reformism that has appeared as 'a main danger in the international communist movement and in doing so, developed Marxism further and elevated it to a higher stage, the great revolutionary leader of the age whose versatile revolutionary wisdom which was defending revolutionary achievements of the international proletarian movement and the essence of their success against the slanderers and was showing as well with unmistakable precision, the pitfalls and short-comings that are to be guarded against in the great cause of advancement of world revolution, passed away so suddenly.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh our most beloved leader, teacher, guide and the General Secretary of our party—the Socialist Unity Centre of India, an outstanding Marxist philosopher and thinker of the era, breathed his last at 7-30 P.M. on 5th of August, prematurely at the age of 55 and so suddenly of Myocardial Infarction (Massive and severe Heart-attack).

He was a patient of Hypertension. From the middle of July, pressure was alarmingly high. After undergoing medical treatment for about ten days, his blood pressure came down and showed sign of stability. Meanwhile he developed acidity and gastric complaints which seemed to have subsided on 4th of August. He was free from those troubles and had a good sleep on that night. He woke up quite hale and hearty and talked with the comrades in the Commune as usual and with freeness. He then went for wash and came back to his room for breakfast. It was then 8-30 in the morning and at that moment he suffered the massive heart-attack, all on a sudden. Immediately, a local Physician Dr. B. Sarkar was called to give instant medical care and attention. Dr. N. Guha an eminent Heart Specialist and under whose treatment, Comrade Ghosh had been for long, was contacted. Dr. Guha came within a short time and took the entire charge of his treatment. Dr. Anupam Dasgupta, an eminent Neuro-Physician under whose treatment

Comrade Ghosh was during his attack from Guillain-Barre Syndrome following Chicken Pox in 1972 and Dr. Buxi, an eminent Heart Specialist and the Chief Cardiologist of Belle Vue Nursing Home were called for consultation. Besides, Dr. T.K. Burman, Dr. Sarkar, Dr. Dipak Banerjee also attended him. With exemplary nerves, our great leader was fighting the massive and successive heart attacks and continued the fight for eleven hours till at last he breathed his last, plunging the class, the Party and the masses in profound grief and sorrow.

Besides the two C. C. members—Com. Nihar Mukherjee, and Com. Sachin Banerjee, Comrades Robi Bose, Ranjit Dhar, Manik Mukherjee—all members of the W. B. State Secretariat, Com. Protiva Mukherjee, Fatick Ghosh and other members of the Commune were also present. The other State and District leaders who rushed on hearing the first news of Comrade Ghosh's heart attack were Comrades, Ashutosh Banerjee, Anil Sen, Sukomal Dasgupta, Provash Ghosh, Moni Chatterjee, Ajit Sen, Sanat Dutta, Gayatri Dasgupta, among others. They were all along there and at his bed-side when he breathed his last. Even in this critical stage of his health, our beloved leader was full of nerves and was enquiring of the Comrades around, about the convenience of the doctors and the drivers.

Our beloved leader was not pulling well for a long time. His ceaseless activities and the tortuous battles he had to wage, for long, amidst extremely trying situations during the freedom movement and early stages of our Party, told badly on his health. What was always supreme in his mind was how to build up the proletarian party on our soil and uphold the cause of World Revolution. For about 42 years he had been in the thick of political activities and the greater part of it was entirely devoted to the historic task he took upon himself. He braved cerebral attacks twice. Just four years back, an attack of the said disease (Guillain-Barre Syndrome) was so virulent that it paralysed his entire body minus the central nervous system. He was on the verge of death. But like in all other fields, he displayed exemplary courage and fighting stamina, steeled nerves and cool calmness in fighting out the disease which made possible the recovery within a time far less than what was expected by the eminent doctors.

After his recovery he was again in his usual self of untiring activities. Doctors were urging him not to cause any strain on his health. But revolutionary politics was his very life-breath. The agony for the exploited masses—how quickly to organise revolution to bring an end to exploitation of all sorts and to place humanity on to the road of all-round progress, how best the

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comrades are engaging themselves, body and soul, in this noble task as well as the achievement and set backs in world proletarian movement were all that filled his mind so fully that rest in the usual sense of the term had no meaning for him. "I exist as a revolutionary so long I breathe"—was not merely what he would tell the comrades but his life was the burning example of this noble teaching. And from this impersonal approach to ailments, he never lost the composure, never was there any absence of the serenity of mind reflected on his face, even minute before he breathed his last. When the doctors were trying to console him, with smile on his lips, he consoled them, saying—"I am calm—not anxious", struggling at the same time with rare nerves, the unbearing pain that he was suffering. Such was the metal in which was moulded the Great Revolutionary Leader of the age and at whose loss, the world is surely very much poorer to-day.

Equally impersonal was his attitude to success and failure in struggles. Any success, any achievement of the party and of the comrades brought great joy and satisfaction to him only in so far as it meant inching towards revolutionary goal and objective. And so even in the midst of success and achievement he was found deeply absorbed in thinking and would teach the comrades not to be complacent, but modest, guard the achievements and think of the newer problems and complexities as also of the heavier responsibilities attended with success and achievements.

His was a most living link with the comrades and the common people. For the ordinary people and party workers he had greater sympathy and attention even in their day to day problems. He lived althrough in Party-Commune along with comrades, some of whom were In-charges of local units of the party. For the common people and party workers he was always accessible and a constant source of inspiration, love, sympathy and affection. At the Central Office of the party he would attend the urgent works but would dispose them of as quickly as possible because his concern for the comrades was far greater. He devoted more time and attention to train them up as steeled revolu-

tionaries. He would sit with them and spend hours together, discussing, explaining and teaching them on all aspects of the life of a revolutionary and his method was always to draw the comrades in discussions and debates. So what animation, what a spirit of inspiration would prevail in those discussions! Equally for the young and aged, those discussions were always educative and with what eagerness they would stand around him to hear and take part in those!

Is it difficult then, to imagine with what great shock and anxiety the comrades heard the news of the critical condition of their most beloved leader and teacher? Anxious queries about his health condition were pouring in the Central Office from all corners of the country throughout the day. Hundreds of comrades who came rushing either to Party's Central Office or Central Commune and were waiting with bated breath reached the end of their reserves on hearing the heart-rending news. But comrades were alerted that we were to prove ourselves the worthy standard-bearers of our Great Teacher and Leader who taught us never to allow our deep emotions and feelings to run high over our sense of duties as in us, in our party alone, is the only ray of hope for the class and the masses for their emancipation. So, how can we afford to forget our noble obligations, our duties, even in the midst of our deepest grief!

Wiping the tears rolling down their cheeks, controlling with supreme efforts, comrades recovered their composure to prepare for the Last Journey of our Beloved Leader, for a befitting farewell to the Great Revolutionary—the pride of any soil.

The body of Comrade Ghosh brought to the Party's Central Office at Zero hour, escorted by our leaders and received by hundreds of comrades with 'Guard of Honour', was placed at the raised platform in the Central hall, draped with Party Flags and bedecked with white flowers. Volunteers with lowered half-mast Red Flags stood on guard in their night long vigil. The Flag flew half-mast. Deepest of sorrows frozen in calmness, leaders and party comrades all absorbed in their duties—this was the night of 5th August.

THE LAST JOURNEY



It was the dawn of 6th August. With the break of light Party's Central Office and around were filled up with streaming party workers, supporters, sympathisers and cross sections of the toiling people. Stunned with blow so cruel, they were mute. It was simply unbelievable! How could it be? Tears raining down their eyes, sobbing, they were gently coming up-stairs to see the Great Commandar who was the tower of strength in all their complex battles, and ever-flowing fountain of inspiration in all their weal and woe and ever-patient in his ears and attention with unbound love and affection to the minutest details of their problems in personal life. Yes, it was the face that would lit up in the glow of radiating wisdom whenever there was a particular problem broached to him—anything to wit, from the vast range of epistemology, the eyes that had so fine a glow of smile whenever the comrades achieved something—be it a correct understanding or in their battles—the same face but what a difference! No—they will treasure in their memories, the face that was so ennobling, so very inspiring, they will still hear the voice—the voice of an indomitable will, the voice of an indefatigable determination that will continue to remind them of their great task and many many miles to go to bring that cherished goal to reality. Such memories and the vast reservoir of knowledge and guidance bequeathed to them by their Great Leader and Teacher would serve as the living guide to all of their activities. He is and will be living in the finest of his creations—the Party and would live in every achievement, in every advancement, in every step forward in all aspects of life of the comrades and of the party.

The world heard the terrible news with deepest of shock and anguish. Workers, poor peasants, agricultural labourers, employees, students, youths, teachers and educationists, social workers, doctors, lawyers, journalists, veteran freedom fighters, political leaders and workers—people from every walk of life,

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Hold Aloft The Banner Of Revolution Handed Down To Us By Our Great Leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh!

To-day the name of our beloved leader, teacher and guide Comrade Shibdas Ghosh is a great name. It has occupied a place of unique distinction in the annals of glorious struggles of the proletariat. His exemplary revolutionary life and character will be the undying fountain of living inspiration to the revolutionaries all over the world while his invaluable and epoch-making teachings and ideas will guide them as beacon light for decades to come in their onward march to the cherished goal of communism. But the boundless knowledge and the unfathomable wisdom of this giant Marxist philosopher, the magnificent revolutionary character and the extra-ordinary life of this great leader of the proletariat though rare, but is not an accidental phenomenon. This great personality is the product of a definite historical process. It developed from an embryo to its fullest growth with vigour, blossomed from a bud to a flower, through a long course of diverse and manifold, difficult and tortuous, determined and uncompromising struggle for truth and justice.

The struggle that made him such stalwart a thinker and leader is not a mere political or intellectual struggle. It embraces every aspect of life and covers every field of epistemology. And in this all-embracing and life long struggle for truth and justice he knew no compromise, either in political or personal life, either with kith and kin or with the comrades-in-arms, either on big issues or on small ones. He often used to say, when you compromise, you compromise truth with falsehood, justice with injustice.

But what distinguished him from others was his most impersonal attitude towards all questions and a rare-high ethical, aesthetic standard governing all these struggles.

He used to teach us that no amount of academic knowledge of Marxism and no struggle, however militant or sacrificing, can make a man Communist, unless he acquires Communist ethics and morality. He took greatest care in uplifting the cultural standard of our comrades based on a higher sense of values and communist ethics. He taught us: "The kernel, the living soul, of any lofty ideal, any philosophy or any worthy ideology lies in its cultural, ethical and aesthetic standard. Marxism is a lofty revolutionary ideal. Its kernel, the living soul of this noblest revolutionary ideal also is ingrained in its cultural and moral values".

He taught us repeatedly that man is the product of history, of a definite historic process. He also taught us that honesty, dedication or sacrifice, all these are essential, rather indispensable for becoming a revolutionary. But what counts most is the correct outlook and the correct process of struggle. If we do not adopt the

Marxist outlook and process of struggle in every field, even in every detail of our personal life, then despite honesty and dedication we will fail to become a communist. And this is why, to him, Marxism-Leninism was not a mere philosophy or a theory to conduct political and economic battles. To him Marxism-Leninism was a philosophy of life and guide to action in the real sense of the term. He conducted each and every struggle even in the minutest details of his personal life on the basis of Marxist-Leninist outlook and methodology.

Nothing could discourage or perturb this great revolutionary fighter. In face of insurmountable difficulty he would become more determined, more courageous and amidst frustrating situation he would become more lifeful, more vigorous. As at times of victory he used to become calm and careful to guard the achievements so also at times of defeat or crisis he would become vigilant and relentless to fight the odds. He taught us not to fear any difficulty but to face all adversaries with revolutionary zeal and determination and thus be able to turn disadvantage into advantage.

The struggle that made our beloved leader, teacher and guide, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh the living inspiration of the proletarian revolution was a struggle, covering all aspects of life and epistemology. His was a great struggle to concretise Marxism-Leninism in Indian soil and to build up a revolutionary party in most adverse situation and against mountain high odds and difficulties.

His was a relentless struggle to free the working class movement from the pernicious influence of economism-reformism and to give birth to 'political power of the people' on the basis of a correct 'base political line' and on the edifice of a high standard of ethics and culture for their emancipation.

His was a glorious struggle to defend and uphold the nobility of Marxism-Leninism against the onslaught of the bourgeoisie and the attempts of the pseudo-Communists to malign it.

His was a noble struggle to defend and continuously uphold the banner of proletarian internationalism as well as to free international communist movement from the dangerous effect of mechanisation of thinking and modern revisionism-reformism.

His was an epoch-making struggle to elaborate, develop and enrich the treasury of Dialectical Materialism in the light of modern science to provide an invincible weapon at the hands of the proletariat to fight all sorts of confusions and illusions that arose in the fields of epistemology in the post Lenin-period.

His was a historical struggle that provided the proletariat with a new concept of Communist ethics—the concept of indentifying oneself with the social interest and revolution—which will act as guide in fight against individualism obstructing revolution in diverse forms and will thus help the proletariat in their onward march towards the cherished goal of Communism.

Today our great revolutionary party, founded by our beloved leader, teacher, and guide Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, is enriched with a vast treasury of knowledge—his teachings and ideas which will guide the proletariat for decades to come.

Today, our great revolutionary party, founded by our beloved leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh has got an well knit organisation spread over the length and breadth of the country on which our people put their trust and confidence.

Today, our great revolutionary party founded by our great leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh is having a band of professional and tempered revolutionaries, taught and trained by him, to carry out the noble task of revolution through the path laid down by him.

Following the great example of his unique revolutionary character who completely identified himself with the class, Party and revolution—we are sure, all leaders, members, supporters and sympathisers will dedicate themselves more and more to the cause of revolution and increasingly identify with the party founded by our great leader, teacher and guide Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

The Central Committee of our party being thoroughly convinced of it has called upon all of us and said in its Homage:

"At this hour of great loss we must turn our grief, as taught by HIM, into firm determination, courage and revolutionary purposiveness. We take vow to stand as 'One Man' and strive hard to fill the void created. HE is and shall ever remain very much with us through HIS teachings. HIS name and teachings will endure as the living source of inspiration and beacon light to legions of revolutionaries who will fulfil the behest COMRADE SHIBDAS GHOSH has left to us. Let all of us, thousands of disciples and admirers of COMRADE GHOSH hold aloft the banner of revolution and proletarian internationalism by every drop of our blood."

With deep reverence to our great departed leader, teacher and guide COMRADE SHIBDAS GHOSH we pay our homage.

RED SALUTE

COMRADE SHIBDAS GHOSH !

West Bengal State Committee

The West Bengal State Committee of the Socialist Unity Centre of India expresses its deepest sorrow at the sudden and premature demise of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the beloved leader, teacher, guide and General Secretary of our Party. He was an outstanding Marxist thinker of the era. He was a unique living expression of co-ordinated knowledge covering all fields of epistemology. By analysing the concrete condition of India on the perspective of the present international situation and thereby determining the correct strategy and tactics of revolution, it was he who alone could concretise the fundamental principles of Marxism-Leninism in India and give shape to a comprehensive theory of the anti-capitalist socialist revolution in our country.

As a life-long revolutionary he was great in his unquestionable and steadfast allegiance to revolution even in the face of all adversities. On questions of ideology and principles of the proletariat, he was uncompromising. On the strength of these great qualities of a revolutionary, along with a handful of revolutionary compatriots — unknown, resourceless and having no social support and fighting against all political and social odds he completely devoted himself, in the process of building a genuine revolutionary party of the proletariat, to the task of building a staff of revolutionary leaders and cadres who would be able to successfully apply in their life the teaching that "Revolution is life" and "Party is life". Be it on the question of correct leadership in the democratic movements of our country, or on the question of building up an all-embracing movement against cultural degradation on the basis of a higher standard of ethics and culture, or on the question of providing the workers and peasants of

the country with the weapon of the science of Marxism by analysing to them the intricate theories of Marxism-Leninism in the most easy, simple and lucid language of the masses, he was unparalleled.

Our great leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh is no more with us. But we have with us the party founded by him; we also have a band of revolutionary leaders and cadres who have been able to translate the struggles of their life his noble teaching, 'life is for the party' and above all, we have as our treasure his revolutionary thoughts and teachings. The West Bengal State Committee firmly believes that he remains still with us, and shall ever remain

against revisionism, reformism, variants of social democratism and many other such phenomenon hitherto created by cunning bourgeoisie will keep on guiding us in our struggles all over the globe.

The State Committee in the glorious traditions of revolutionary purposiveness, nourished and nurtured by Comrade Ghosh himself—on this most painful occasion expresses its heartfelt homage to our departed, beloved leader by resolving to transform our tears into fire for completing the tasks of our revolution that Comrade Ghosh has left to us and urges upon the people, supporters and sympathisers to stand united as a rock in this severest calamity for turn-

remember the invaluable guidance of Comrade Ghosh provided to the various historic revolutionary mass movements of the state and his close relation with them.

Assam State Committee SUCI

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our beloved leader, teacher and one of the finest concretised expressions of Marxism-Leninism is no more with us. Toiling people of India have lost to-day their greatest political possession personified through Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

When the pseudo-Marxists, revisionists are engaged in robbing communism of its living soul, magnificent contribution of our beloved leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh

of social progress and revolution, will be a never-exhausting fountain of inspiration to the revolutionaries of many decades to come.

The passing away of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh who concretised Marxism-Leninism on Indian soil, made many valuable contributions to the treasure house of Marxism-Leninism and pointed out the correct and scientific solution to all the problems those cropped up in the international communist movement especially in the post-Lenin period, is the greatest loss that can be conceived of to the working class revolutionary movement all over the world in general and to the revolutionary movement in India in particular.

The working class culture and sense of values as concretised by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in this period, when the bourgeois culture and sense of values has become out and out reactionary, will be the brilliant ideal for revolutionaries all over the world for many an age to come.

We take the pledge, as because to-day one cannot understand Marxism-Leninism without understanding the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, we shall learn and re-learn his teachings of facing all odds and difficulties, shall translate them into practice with all sincerity and determination and thereby, shall complete the unfulfilled task of our revolution left to us by our most beloved and revered leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Delhi State Organising Committee

The news of the sudden demise of our beloved leader, teacher and guide of our party and an outstanding Marxist philosopher and thinker of the era, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, has come to us as a rude shock. While expressing our profoundest grief and sorrow & paying homage to our great departed leader, we firmly resolve to forge ahead with the great teachings of Comrade Ghosh as our living guide and to fulfil the behests he has left to us.

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STATE COMMITTEES' HOMAGE

through his creations and guide us at every moment, at every step of the revolutionary struggle of the proletariat. Comrades, let us all stand up like 'One man' and dedicate ourselves with all strength at our command to the task of completing the unaccomplished task of socialist revolution along the path illumined by our great leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Red Salute to our beloved leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh

BIHAR STATE COMMITTEE

6th August '76:

Shocked and stunned we stand at this gravest and saddest moment of the sudden and untimely demise of our beloved leader, teacher and guide Comrade Shibdas Ghosh—the General Secretary of our Party. Not only the working class of our country but the world over, has, undisputedly, lost a great Communist Leader and a Marxist Philosopher of the rank of the rarest few of the present era.

We are sure, his relentless and incessant fight

ing tide of time in favour of our revolution and the party.

Orissa State Committee SUCI

We are deeply shocked at the sudden demise of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our leader, teacher and General Secretary of the party and an eminent Marxist thinker of the era. His revolutionary teachings will remain ever alive before the struggle for emancipation of the oppressed masses of India and the world, and show us the way.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh—the founder and General Secretary of the only revolutionary party of India, SUCI—was the first to concretise the teachings of Marxism-Leninism in the Indian soil and develop and raise that Science in all its aspects to a newer height in the post Lenin period by his many invaluable contributions to the treasurehouse of Marxism-Leninism. Comrade Ghosh's memory will not only remain ever alive in the heart of the toiling millions of India in general, and all sections of the people of Orissa in particular. They will always

lies not only in highlighting it, but in raising the understanding of communism to a newer height.

We are aware that the need of the hour is to defend the revolutionary heritage which he left behind. The task is really stupendous. In this grim hour we all take a vow to do it.

Kerala State Organising Committee

The Kerala State Organising Committee of SUCI expresses its deepest grief and heart-felt condolence at the premature demise of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of this age and the beloved leader, teacher, philosopher, guide and General Secretary of the Socialist Unity Centre of India.

We, firmly believe that the life of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, who took up the task of liberating the people of India from the clutches of capitalist exploitation as his life mission, for that organised SUCI, the only genuine Communist Party of India and through untiring and ceaseless struggles identified himself completely with the interest

MESSAGES

J. P. Narayan

The news of sudden and premature death of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh G. S. of Socialist Unity Centre of India, has come to me as a rude shock. The country has lost in him a noted Marxist theoretician and a man of the masses. I recall with gratitude his intelligent support to the cause of the people's movement in Bihar and elsewhere.

I send my heartfelt condolences to the members of his family and to thousands of his partymen and youths who loved and followed him.

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Telegram on 6. 8. 76

Received the heart wrecking news. Only his teachings can save and show us way at this hour of gravest calamity. Grief must not overcome reasons. Calmness and determination must prevail.

LETTER

I have become thunder-struck at the news of the sudden death of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. It is impossible for me to express what is going on in my mind. One thing I can instinctively realise that it is his teachings alone that can save and show us the way at this gravest hour. However great the calamity, it would not do to be unnerved. At this particular moment, we must all keep in mind the lesson he has always given us that a revolutionary should always be able to exercise calm judgement, and move forward with determined steps ever conscious of the object in the midst of all adversities. As the disciples, Comrades and followers of Comrade Ghosh, we must not forget for a moment that if we, with all the teachings he has left to us can successfully consolidate the party and its leadership and lead the revolution to its logical end, with more and more dedication, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh will ever remain alive with us and lead us the way in our revolutionary struggles.

Humanist Mission

(B. A. Baron)

I, on behalf of the Humanist Mission, express my deep sense of sorrow on the sudden death of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, a great Marxist Teacher, Theoretician, and above all, the genuine friend of the toiling masses. He was not only the pioneer of the Socialist Unity Centre of India, but also one of the great mass leaders of our epoch.

Sometimes, we did not adhere to his heretic opinion on the political question, still had a great respect towards the genuinity of his purpose and devotion to the cause.

Anusilan Samity

Satya Ranjan Buxi

Workers Party

Jyoti Bhattacharjee

Hind Mazdoor Sabha

Bimal Banerjee

Hind Mazdoor Panchayet

Satin Roy Chowdhury

Congress

Priya Ranjan Dasmunshi
Suomen Mitra
Subrata Mukherjee

Others

Manoranjan Banerjee
Sibu Sen
Suhrid Mitra
Sasadbar Ghosh
Dhiren Roy
Dr. Nani Guha
Dr. Anupam Das Gupta
Hemanga Biswas

The loss of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in the realm of politics, is not merely the loss of the party, but of the humanity as a whole. I convey my sympathy to admirers and followers of the great leader.

Sailesh Dey

(a noted writer)

From the newspaper I came to know of the demise of respected Shibdas Ghosh. Though I was not personally acquainted with him, I was deeply impressed with his article on the evaluation of Saratchandra, the great writer of Bengal, who was compassionate and sympathetic to the downtrodden. In fact, from that day on I started realising Saratchandra afresh, in the light of his thoughts.

A thinker, in the truest sense, has passed away untimely. The loss is irredeemable. Accept my heart-felt condolence.

D. N. Palit, Journalist,
Pandu, Assam

I am extremely shocked to know that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh is no more in the World. I was a reader of Proletarian Era. I was impressed by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's articles. Really he was a great Marxist-Leninist thinker.

STATE COMMITTEES' HOMAGE

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MADHYA PRADESH PARTY UNIT

We express our heart-felt revolutionary homage to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh—the revolutionary leader of the exploited masses of India and the world, the eminent Marxist philosopher of this era, the life-long revolutionary, the beloved leader, teacher, guide and General Secretary of our Party—through our firm pledge to make up for the immeasurable loss at his untimely demise

Uttar Pradesh State Organising Committee SUCI

We are deeply grieved at the premature and sad demise of our beloved leader, teacher and General Secretary, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Facing this gravest calamity, with all determination we resolve to fulfil, in the light of his thoughts, our obligation to the revolution of our country and the international communist movement.

Karnatak State Organising Committee

Please accept my condolences on the tragic death of Comrade G. S. Words cannot express the

Comrade S. K. Pramanik, General Secretary
of UTUC (Lenin Sarani) All India Committee

The overwhelmingly shocking news of the sudden and utterly unexpected demise of the great SUCI leader and stalwart, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh is, indeed, an un-

Birendra Kumar Bhattacharya

(Writer and critic)
Assam

I am greatly shocked to know of the death of Sri Shibdas Ghosh, the leader of the SUCI, from to-day's newspaper. A few months back I had the opportunity to exchange ideas with him in Calcutta. I have also read his writings on politics and literature. Shibdas babu was a great Marxist thinker who struggle every moment of his life for socialist revolution in India.

deep feelings of agony that we suffer. It is very unfortunate that we in Karnataka could not even get a glimpse of this great Marxist. They should feel proud who had his close contact, inspiration and guidance.

His ideas, his great thoughts will be there to inspire our generation and the future generations to come. This is the only consolation we can have.

Andhra Party Unit

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our beloved leader, teacher and guide and the great leader of liberation struggle of the working class of India, is no more with us. His life and activities of a revolutionary till death will illumine the path of Communist movement in our country and world as well for ages to come.

Haryana State Organising Committee

We express our deepest sorrow at the sudden demise of our beloved leader, teacher and an outstanding Marxist thinker and philosopher of the era, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. We firmly pledge to fulfil the behest of Comrade Ghosh, the great leader of the struggle for emancipation of the proletariat of India and the world.

bearable loss to the growing party under his ablest leadership as an outstanding Marxist-Leninist thinker, teacher, strategist and tactician with a high standard and code of Communist conduct and as a tireless organiser and builder of a growing working class party from strength to strength, and with his quest for greater and greater Marxian and scientific knowledge for a correct path for the party and the country in the National and the International contexts.

We regret that we are unable to cover in this issue the long list of those who have either placed wreaths, sent messages or paid tributes to our Great Departed Leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. We will do it in our coming issues.



“When to die, die with honour and you have got only one surest way to live and die with honour, that is taking active part in revolutionary struggle of the masses....

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overwhelmed with grief, were coming in endless stream throughout the day and even after, to pay their respectful homage to the great departed leader. The spontaneous reactions of the shock and sorrow of the people in different parts of the country found expression in closing down of schools and factories. Particularly moving were the cries and wailings of the agricultural labourers, poor peasants and the industrial workers, who came trekking all their ways from the remote villages of different parts of the country and the industrial suburb. It is to them, Our Great Teacher explained in series of political classes, the intricate matters of dialectical science and different aspects of revolutionary philosophy of Marxism-Leninism with transparent lucidity and in the manner and language easily understandable to them. Comrade Ghosh, our Great Leader and Teacher was so near and dear to the toiling people because it is from him, for the first time, they could know what is that revolutionary philosophy that will change the world of their miseries and why it is so invincible a weapon against the deadliest of weapons of their class enemies and he was the Great Commandar in the noble fight for emancipation.

And people have seen leaders to appear—they appeared in the past and will appear in future but such a giant leader does so

rarely appear in history. Giant in every respect—giant in not only intellectual height combining all the greatness inherited from the great teachers of the proletariat like Marx, Lenin and others with fineness and excellence further developed and brought to a new height—and above everything giant in character. He would no longer come to tell them and teach them the truth, the path, hard to follow but in which alone lies their emancipation. Here was a leader, whose every breath of life was for revolution, every bit of whose life was the living embodiment of high revolutionary morals and ethics which he taught others to follow in their life. His name and revolution became one and the same. Here was a leader in whom people have tasted what a revolutionary is, what the noble ideology of communism stands for. He was Great because not the slightest trace of falsehood was in and around him and it is falsehood between the preachings and practice which he despised most and always asked the people to despise and reject. That is why, in him was so much trust and confidence of the toiling people.

The Central Hall where lay the body of our Great Leader was being filled with heaps of wreaths. Central Committee members and His close Comrades-in-arms Nihar Mukherjee and Sachin Banerjee on the 5th night and Comrades, Hiren Sarkar and Pritish Chanda on 6th morning paid respectful homage in Red Salute and wreaths with eyes filled to the brim with tears. Another member of the C.C. Comrade Shankar Singh, Secretary Bihar State Committee sent a moving telegram from Foolwari Sharif Camp in Bihar. Sri D. L. Sengupta (ex-M.P.) rushed to the Central Commune on 5th night, paid his homage and accompanied the body of Comrade Ghosh to party office. Sri Jibanlal Banerjee, editor, Satyayug also went to pay his homage.

One by one the State and district leaders, his trusted disciples Comrades, Ashutosh Banerjee, Anil Sen, Sukomal Dasgupta, Ranjit Dhar, Provash Ghosh, Manik Mukherjee, Robi Bose, Protiva Mukherjee, Moni Chatterjee, Fatick Ghosh, Ajit Sen, Badsah Khan, Yakub Pailan, Sanat Datta and Durga Guha (Party Central Office) Abdour Rouf (DYO), Amir Ali Halder (KKMF West Bengal State Committee) Sanjit Biswas (Secretary, DSO West Bengal), Badal Mukherjee (Mahila Sanskritik Sangha), Sourav Bose & Leena Mukherjee (Komsomol) Khetraprosad Sen Sarma (Pathikrit), Prasanta Chakraborty (Charanik), Sitesh Dasgupta (U.T.U.C.—Lenin Sarani) among thousands others placed wreaths and homage in Red Salute.

Telegrams were despatched on the night of 5th to different State Committees as only a few could be contacted over trunk. Comrades N. R. Singh, Amriteswar Chakraborty, Hem Chakraborty, Anil Sarkar, K. P. Singh and Durga Das (Bihar) Asit Bhattacharjee, (Assam), Krishna Chakraborty (Delhi)

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B. Jena and Binapani Das (Orissa) and Chhaya Mukherjee (General Secretary, AIDSO) who was in Orissa came rushing. They could join in the mourning procession but comrades from different states who rushed but could not see him last were Comrades Indrajit Singh, Asoke Roy Chowdhury and Om Prokash Suman (Delhi), Asoke Ganguly and Bibhuti Datta Jha (M. P.) Sibshankar Jha and Viswa Nath Singh and Sarode Kumar (U. P.), Tapas Dutta (Orissa) Jyan Singh Chowdhury, Sher Singh and Ramprosad (Haryana), Sreenivas Rao (Andhra), M. K. Jain (Mysore) and J. James (Kerala) and many others.

First-ranking leaders from almost all the political parties came one by one to pay their homage. Came the distinguished personalities, his friends and admirers—D. L. Sengupta (Ex-MP) Sudhindra Pramanick, All India Secretary, UTUC (Lenin Sarani), Dr. N. Guha, Dr. Anupam Dasgupta, and hundreds of eminent personalities from different walks of life.

Came also, grief-stricken leaders and leading party organisers from almost all the districts of West Bengal. News could not be sent to the remote parts of the country side during this rainy season, within so short a time. The bourgeois newspapers gave a scanty coverage, as usual, for this Great Leader of the proletariat.

Yet, in spite of all these, there was a vast congregation of grief-stricken party workers, supporters, sympathisers and common people in front of the party office, unprecedented, even in a city like Calcutta and there was a never-ending flow of mourners, carrying flowers and wreaths wet with their tears. Gently, with care, they were placing their wreaths of white flowers in benumbed reverence, some, bouquets of red roses. Time had to be extended for the mourning procession to start till at last it started at 4-45 p.m. after the announcement that people can offer their wreaths and homage on the way to be collected by a vehicle accompanying the bier.

The bier of the Great Leader carried on shoulder by his close Comrades-in-arms Nihar Mukherjee, Sachin Banerjee, Hiren Sarkar and Pritish Chanda along with other Comrades was brought downstairs to be placed on the vehicle, waiting, bedecked with flowers and half-mast Red Flags. There was a tremendous emotional upsurge. Thousands and thousands assembled in front of Party Office broke in tears and emotion-choked slogans. Central

Committee leaders stood in attention around the raised platform over the vehicle on which was placed the body of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. His body was finally leaving the Party Central Office which is so full with his presence, so full with memories and so fresh. Only with a handful of revolutionaries, he started the journey amidst thousands and one problems and complexities—undaunted and with singular devotion and determination, to chart out the path of revolution for the toiling millions of our country. It was a historic venture with momentous importance like those with which are associated all great things and events in history. And 48 Lenin Sarani will remain a witness to the gigantic struggles with unflagging energy, covering all aspects of life, of this Giant Revolutionary Leader and Teacher, which, within so short a span of 28 years, have been able to build the mighty pillars of a party that will lead the revolution in our country. From a tiny group, it is now welded into a party, spread throughout the length and breadth of the country—with trained leaders and thousands of devoted workers blessed with the vast treasury of knowledge and wisdom bequeathed by the Great Teacher and Guide.

Led by the Party's Central and the State leaders, the procession moved. It was a vast sea of grief-stricken humanity. The Young Communists of the Party—the Komsomol Volunteers, in their full uniforms, carrying lowered half-mast red flags, were in the fore, immediately followed by fifty five youths carrying fifty five lowered red flags, symbolising the fifty five years of life of a Great Revolutionary of this era, so full of creations. The red flags, in the glow of setting sun, looked like the burning flames as if to depict the supreme revolutionary spirit of the leader. En route, the procession stopped at the Party Press. The sobbing Press workers of the party who were bound in the bond of love and affection with the Great Leader, who was so near to them, could not control their emotions and with great efforts they paid their respectful homage and Red Salute. Just a few yards ahead, the Central and State Committee's office of UTUC (Lenin Sarani) of which he was the All India President where he spent hours after hours to teach and train the workers and leaders how to hate, fight and give defeat to reformism-economism which ties the working class to the bondage of wage slavery and works as the biggest obstacle in the path of their becoming the real master of the productive system. Here the procession stopped to receive the tearful homage and Red Salute of Comrade Sudhindra Pramanik, All India Secretary

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and from the industrial workers who then merged with the sea of mourners to make it a more-than-a-mile long procession.

The procession was slowly winding its way, collecting on the way, wreaths and flowers from hundreds of social organisations, clubs and personalities who were paying their respectful homage to this illustrious son of the soil and the Great Leader of the Masses. It embodied in its discipline and dignity, the depth of grief and agony. Excepting the refrains of the 'Internationale' and the song composed on the Great Leader, by groups of Comrades in batches, it was calm and silent all through. Only tears were dropping down to dust. People standing in dense lines on both sides of the route, the overcrowded balconies and the roofs of the shops and buildings threw flowers and petals. Hundreds joined the mourning procession out of their deep love and respect. The people of the city who have seen him, heard him all these years, were deeply moved and agreed that the procession was a befitting and deserving farewell to the Great Leader. How appreciative were their remarks, how respectful were their comments, how moving were their expressions of grief! Came the comment from them: "He has taught them how to behave in the deepest of their grief." Another comment: "The Party that can brave such a heavy odd with this kind of self-restraint and discipline is a great Party founded by a Great Leader and can never die." A young man, overwhelmed with grief, said sobbing: "At this hour, his need was most." A young mother was telling her baby to bow in reverence for, "Her goes a Great Man." Another middle-aged man commented in anguish, "The only leader—the last hope is gone." Comrades corrected him, modestly—Hope is not gone as the Party of his creation is there, growing more and more in strength to fulfil the great task he has left to us. He nodded and with tears and emotion-choked voice asked the Comrades to see that his creation is not lost. "No Never—we will keep His Flag flying" was the firm assurance of the Comrades. These are just a few specimens to quote. The deep anguish and agony of the people are still finding expressions in their telegrams and letters that are pouring in hundreds continuously. This again shows how correct was the observation of our Great Leader who often reminded us: for us, for the Party, there is a vast and inexhaustible fund of goodwill, love and admiration amongst the toiling millions of our country which has fed and nourished the Party to grow. For the Party there is no other fund and it needs no other fund to fulfil its historic mission.

Flanking to the right, the Statue of Lenin, the Great Teacher of the Proletariat, the body of this great disciple—Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was bidding farewell. How fine and great was this disciple who concretely applied through his entire life and activities, the great lesson of Lenin that unless one can further concretise, elaborate and elevate to higher stage, the teachings and understandings of the Great Marxist Teachers, one can never become worthy of the Leaders and the science of Marxism ceases to be dynamic in character. The testament to this truth lies in the vast treasury of the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh without a clear understanding of which, no complex problem of contemporary life can be tackled and the understanding of Marxism can not be adequate and perfect in this post-Lenin period of international proletarian movement.

In the procession, now passing Saheed Minar Maidan there was a great emotional upsurge. Here is the place where, especially on 24th April, the Party Foundation Day, He would give His invaluable guidance to life's very many problems, here is a place from where on numerous occasions, He gave clarion call to the people, again and again, to build up political power of the toiling masses through effective instruments of struggle without which no amount of sacrifice can bring their emancipation. Here is the place, where lakhs of people gathered on this occasion and the whole world would listen to the words of great wisdom that would come from Him. But no more, no more shall Saheed Minar hear the voice of one of the greatest men of this age!

With such agony and memories crowding, traversing a long

way, the procession came to a halt at last. It reached Keoratala Crematory. Oh, no, only a small part of it! Comrades with supreme efforts of self-control and sense of discipline which they learnt from their Great Leader, now stood in dense columns, as few minutes after, his body would be placed in the electric furnace.

The Komsomol volunteers gave Him the last guard of honour with trembling lips and tears streaming down. The Central Committee members and other leaders stood in attention and paid tearful homage in Red Salute and with slogans: "Red Salute to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh—our most Beloved Leader, Teacher and Guide", "Long live Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the Great Leader of the Proletariat". From thousands of voices, outside, came reverberation of the slogans. It sounded like the titanic waves of the sea that would one day, sweep the society clean of its filth and dirt, to beam with the teachings and guidance that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our beloved leader has left for us.

Was it the last Journey? No, death could not snatch from us the undying revolutionary spirit that He instilled in thousands of workers, supporters and sympathisers which not only remains but will kindle and re-kindle millions of toiling people to accomplish the task that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the Great Leader and Teacher cherished to the last breath of His life and taught others to cherish as the only noble aspiration in their life in order to give it a real meaning.

The Historic Journey that Comrade Ghosh initiated can never end. It will go onward and onward from one stage to still higher stage, establishing in its process, a Working Class State and Classless Communist Society and the torch of His Great Teachings will illumine the path of this journey! He will be ever with us!

We vow, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our Beloved Leader, that we will never fail in constant and unceasing cult of the rich treasury of thoughts, you have bequeathed to Indian revolution!

We vow, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our Great Teacher that we will hold aloft the glorious banner of revolution you have handed down to us!

We vow, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our Great Guide that like 'one man', we will defend, protect and further advance our party, the noblest of your creations, to ever more and more of victories!

We vow, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our Great Teacher that we will guard like the apple of an eye, the Collective Leadership and Proletarian Democracy in our Party that you taught us how to defend. We assure you Comrade, we will pass this test with credit and fulfil your behest!

We vow, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our Great Guide that we will ever be steadfast as you taught us to be, in our uncompromising battles against revisionism-reformism and all varieties of social-democratism in order to

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Comrade Rameswar Upadhyay

'Searchlight' of 6th August shocked me with the news that our beloved leader, an eminent Marxist philosopher of the era Comrade G.S. became immortal on 5th August. It was second heart attack to me. How I am bearing this shock and pain, only I know.

But my heart will be present at the occasion of collective condolence. We ...

will hold condolence in the evening.

Don't worry vi, don't worry. Da has done everything for revolution and the revolutionaries will always remember him with respect. Now, we have to perform our duties to the revolution to the nation, as was directed and taught by Da.

Convey my Red Salute to 'Immortal Comrade' no behalf of me and Bihar Democratic Students' Organisation.

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constantly uphold the Base Political Line of the proletariat which is anti-capitalist Socialist Revolution in our country and develop to that end, the political power of the toiling masses. We assure you Comrade, that we will never be failing in our duties to defend the revolutionary kernel of Marxism as is your behest.

We vow, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our Great Leader that we will ever be engaged in more and more identifying our self with Party and Revolution, in order to be the invincible and decisive force in the complex battles for the emancipation of our society from all sorts of exploitation of man by man. We assure you Comrade that we will win this supreme test with honour as you wanted of us!

We vow, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our Great Teacher that while engaged in revolutionary works and activities we will always and continuously uplift our revolutionary morals and ethical standards which you taught us to do, in order to keep us in constant readiness to face any test, however hard. We who have the proud privilege to be your disciples, assure you Comrade that we will not be failing in fulfilling this behest of you, too!

We vow, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our Great Guide that guided by your integrated and Great Teachings about Fascism which has appeared as the universal feature in all the developed and under developed capitalist countries at this post-war period of World Capitalism, we will never be unremitting in our fierce and all-round battles against Fascism, the worst menace to civilisation. We assure you Comrade we will stand the test also with credit as you wanted of us!

We vow, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the Great and Outstanding Marxist Thinker and Philosopher of the Age, our most Beloved Leader, Teacher and Guide that as taught by you, we will ever be guided by your revolutionary things about proletarian internationalism and shall always remain allegiant and loyal to the Class and World Revolution as a part of the revolutionary detachment of the International Proletariat.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh

Is And Will Ever Be With Us!

Long Live Our Great Teacher,
Leader And Guide
Comrade Shibdas Ghosh!

Long Live SUCI!

Long Live Revolution!



"Politics demands higher emotional faculty. Much higher and nobler is demanded in revolutionary politics. As tender feelings and emotions are there, so also inherent in it stark reality, iron, discipline and unfailing sense of responsibility. Grief cannot overpower our sense of duties. So rude is the outward appearance of revolutionary politics. But true realisation of grief lies exactly in what appears to be so rude outwardly. Even in the deepest of grief no great revolutionary fails to carry on his duty. Work they must. Nothing can muddle the question of their work. Then they cannot aspire to be revolutionaries, they are to lead the life of a common man.

"This is why, I was saying, revolutionary politics is a higher and nobler emotional faculty. But outwardly its working style seems to be heartless. Apparently it seems to be devoid of finer feelings and emotions, bereft of compassion and sympathy—as if a machine. But the reality is quite otherwise. The finer feeling of a revolutionary finds its real recognition in his devotion to duty. The pain and anguish of the whole society as also the values of life have left so deep an imprint in the minds of the revolutionaries that it impells them to take the firm resolve of giving concrete shape to the task of emancipation of the people. For this, the revolutionaries never neglect their duties. Even at the time of death of a near and dear one, even at the hour of a great loss, or at the height of their emotional turmoil—the revolutionaries can hardly forget their duties.....

".....Mere expression of grief, mere emotional outburst carries no meaning to the revolutionaries if they do not realise the real significance of the cause of grief that has pained them so much and what it really demands of them to perform in their life. Remember, even when a man is deeply shocked to find something grievously harmful in the society, its real meaning comes to his realisation only when from this he can find the way out—how to free the society from its evil effect, for that what is he to do and realising this he never neglects his duties."

—Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

(From the speech made on 17.9.74 paying tribute to Comrade Subodh Banerjee after his premature demise).

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